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## Weekly briefing

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# International support

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- The NATO Parliamentary Assembly **recognized Russia's crimes against Ukraine as genocide**, and proclaimed the terrorist regime in Russia "*Ruscism*". The adopted document contains the support of the international tribunal and aid to Ukraine.
- The Associated Press: a **delegation of 6 African leaders plans to hold talks in Kyiv and Moscow next month to "initiate a peace process"**. The delegation will include leaders from South Africa, Senegal, Egypt, the Republic of the Congo, Uganda, and Zambia. They are planning to discuss how under sanctions to pay Russia for fertilizers, which Africa needs, how to facilitate the transit of agricultural products from Ukraine, and will also raise the topic of POW exchange.
- WSJ: The West plans to offer Ukraine an **"Israeli security model"**. This means Ukraine will be receiving priority access to modern weapon and technology supplies. As expected, the treaty will be signed after the NATO summit in Lithuania this July. This model **won't be replacing Ukraine's membership in NATO** but will become another step on this path. There are also preparations to create a special NATO-Ukraine Council at the summit.

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- **Deliveries of F-16s** to Ukraine will begin in at least a few months, stated U.S. Air Force Secretary Frank Kendall. He emphasized that a few months is quite short, because more than 2 years is usually needed to train new American pilots to work with such an aircraft. The State Department spokesman Matthew Miller called the task of providing Ukraine with F-16s "a priority".
- **Germany** handed over another package of **military aid** to Ukraine. It particularly includes:
  - TRML-4D aerial surveillance radar system — 1;
  - Biber armored bridge-builders — 2;
  - Vector reconnaissance drones — 54;
  - anti-drone systems — 8;
  - up to a dozen trucks and trailers;
  - pickup trucks — 34;
  - Zetros trucks — 8.
- The European Commission allocated another **€1,5 billion of macro-financial assistance** for Ukraine. This is the fourth tranche of assistance from the EU, totaling €18 billion.
- **Slovenia recognized the Holodomor** man-made famine of 1932—1933 **as genocide** of the Ukrainian people.

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- **Great Britain's** Defense Minister arrived in Ukraine. He met with Ukrainian Defense Minister Oleksii Reznikov and discussed with him the **priorities in AFU armament**. Separately the issue of long-range weapons, such as Storm Shadow missiles was being raised.
- The Ministry of Defense of Japan held a ceremony of **transferring 100 cars and 30 thousand dry rations** to the Armed Forces of Ukraine. Ukrainian Ambassador Serhii Korsunskyi noted that this is the first case in the post-war history of Japan, when when the Self-Defense Forces transfer military equipment to a country at war.
- Defense Minister Bjørn Arild Gram said that **Norway** would join the **training of Ukrainian pilots** on F-16 fighter jets.

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- The Department of State decided to approve the possible sale to Ukraine of the **NASAMS anti-aircraft missile system** and equipment for it at an estimated cost of \$285 million. The Agency for Security and Defense Cooperation issued the necessary certification and notified Congress.

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- The United States plans to announce a **new military aid package** of up to \$300 million to Ukraine, which will mainly include additional ammunition - Reuters.
- **United Kingdom House of Commons recognized the Holodomor** of 1932-1933 **as genocide** of the Ukrainian people.
- The **Council of the European Union** decided to extend the regime of **duty-free trade** with Ukraine for another year – until June 2024. This means Ukraine will be able to freely sell its agricultural products to the EU.
- Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the European Union has **blocked more than €200 billion worth of assets** of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation – Bloomberg.
- South Korea made concessions to the United States and began transferring hundreds of thousands of artillery ammunition to Ukraine, writes The Wall Street Journal. The supplies are transported through the USA.
- The 12th Ramstein meeting was held. Its results:
  - Pentagon chief Lloyd Austin said **Denmark and the Netherlands** would be the first countries **to start preparing Ukrainian pilots to fly F-16** fighter jets, other countries joining later.
  - Lithuanian Defense Minister Arvydas Anušauskas announced a **new military aid package** for Ukraine, which will include anti-drone equipment, ammunition, etc.
  - Spanish Defense Minister Margarita Robles announced supplying Ukraine with 4 more **Leopard 2 tanks**. Madrid will also transfer **M113 infantry fighting vehicles** to Ukrainian defenders.
  - Finland sent to Ukraine the **16th package of military aid**, totaling €109 million, which in particular includes anti-aircraft weapons and ammunition.
  - Canada will provide Ukraine with **43 AIM-9 Sidewinder air-to-air missiles**, as well as send additional ammo and widen the training program for the Ukrainian military.
  - **Sweden** joined the aviation coalition. The country will let Ukrainian pilots undergo **basic training on JAS 39 Gripen fighter jets**, TV4 reports, citing Defense Secretary Paul Johnson. Those fighter jets are cheaper and easier to master, but there are not so many, and Sweden isn't officially ready to give them to Ukraine.
- Swedish Defense Minister Paula Jónsson met in Kyiv with the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyi. They discussed the aviation coalition, the situation at the frontline, the necessary armament for AFU, the peace formula, and the Euro-Atlantic integration of Ukraine.

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- The first group of 400 Ukrainian troops has begun training in the U.S. Abrams M1 tanks in Germany, Pentagon spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Garron Garn said. Almost 200 troops have begun training at training grounds, with the remaining 200 soldiers learning how to refuel and maintain tanks.



# Military positions

- ✓ Russia continues to concentrate its main efforts on the Kupiansk, Lyman, Bakhmut, Avdiivka and Maryinka directions.
- ✓ Towards Kupiansk, the enemy does not stop trying to improve the tactical position.
- ✓ Towards Lyman, Russian forces launch offensive actions in the area of Bilohorivka, towards Bakhmut - in the direction of Predtechyne, towards Avdiivka - in the direction of Pervomaisk. The enemy had no success in any direction. In the Maryinka direction, units of the defense forces repel numerous enemy attacks in the area of the city of Maryinka.
- ✓ The enemy is defending in the Zaporizhzhia and Kherson directions.
- ✓ In the Chernihiv and Kharkiv directions, Russian forces carried out airstrikes, mortar and artillery shelling of populated areas.
- ✓ In the Black Sea, there are 6 enemy ships on combat duty, report the Naval Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. The probability of missile and air strikes throughout the territory of Ukraine remains high.

<b>22.05</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Over the past day, the Air Force of the Defense Forces carried out 8 strikes on the areas of concentration of personnel and military equipment of the Russian Federation, as well as 2 on anti-aircraft missile complexes.</li> <li>➤ In the Donetsk region, a Ukrainian military man shot down a Russian Mi-24 helicopter with an Iгла MANPADS, the 24th Brigade named after King Danylo reported. The helicopter tried to attack the village of New York and fell near the occupied Horlivka.</li> <li>➤ The Legion "Freedom of Russia" and "RDK" are conducting an operation on the territory of the Russian Belgorod region to create a "security strip" to protect Ukrainian civilians. According to Andrii Yusov, the spokesman of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine, everything that is happening in the Russian Federation is an internal conflict.</li> <li>➤ After Bakhmut, the "Wagnerites" are unlikely to be able to continue offensive actions in any other direction, says the Institute for the Study of War (ISW). Russian regular forces located on the northern and southern flanks of Bakhmut are also unlikely to advance west toward Kostiantynivka or north toward Sloviansk amid Ukrainian counterattacks in the area anytime soon.</li> </ul>
<b>23.05</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ During the day, the Air Force of the Defense Forces carried out 15 strikes on areas of concentration of enemy personnel and military equipment. The General Staff of the Armed Forces reported that Ukrainian troops shot down a Russian Ka-52 helicopter.</li> <li>➤ Fighters of the 59th brigade named after Yakov Handziuk in the area of the Pisky village of the Donetsk region captured 22 Russians from the special unit of the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation "Storm".</li> <li>➤ The defense of Bakhmut, which has been going on for ten months, is a successful defense operation of Ukraine. Oleksii Danilov, Secretary of the National Security Council, stated this in a CNN commentary. He emphasized that a large number of Russian servicemen were eliminated in the Bakhmut direction, and not only mercenaries of the PMC "Wagner", but also special forces, airborne forces, and representatives of other branches of the military.</li> <li>➤ The breakthrough near Belgorod caught the Russian Federation by surprise. ISW notes that the first line of Russian defensive fortifications is 2 km from the village of Gora-Podol. There is an assumption that the RDC forces managed to break through it. This indicates the weakness of these fortifications and lack of professional personnel.</li> <li>➤ Russia will use the incidents in the Belgorod region to present itself as a victim, British intelligence believes. The Russian Federation faces an increasingly multifaceted threat to security in its border regions: the loss of fighter jets, attacks by improvised explosive devices on railway lines, and now direct guerrilla actions.</li> <li>➤ The Russian Volunteer Corps (RDK) assures that it did not suffer any losses during the operation in the Belgorod region, and all the photos of the killed "saboteurs" distributed in the Russian mass media are fake, because the RDK fighters carry cartoon cameras, not pixels.</li> </ul>
<b>24.05</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ During the day, the Air Force of the Defense Forces carried out 7 strikes on areas of the concentration of enemy's personnel and military equipment. During this day, Ukrainian defenders destroyed 2 enemy attack UAVs of the "Shahed" type and 1 reconnaissance UAV of the "Orlan-10" type.</li> <li>➤ The Russians began to collect heavy artillery near Melitopol, Zaporizhzhia region. This was announced by the mayor of temporarily occupied Melitopol, Ivan Fedorov. "Trenches were dug there a few weeks ago, and heavy artillery, including the Hyacinth self-propelled gun, has been brought in for the past few hours."</li> <li>➤ Yevgeny Prigozhin stated that his "Wagner's PMC" lost 20,000 soldiers in the battles for Bakhmut. 10,000 of them are recruited prisoners.</li> <li>➤ A group of 39 former Russian prisoners deserted today in the temporarily occupied Lysychansk, Russian mass media report. The soldiers who escaped were members of Storm Z Squad. They escaped with weapons and killed at least one soldier.</li> <li>➤ The Ukrainian military did not cross the border with the Russian Federation during the operation in the Belgorod region, The New York Times reports. According to the publication, the Armed Forces only covered the Ukrainian border in case of a counterattack by the Russian Federation. And the Russians (Legion "Liberty of Russia"/RDK), who took part in the operation, suffered minor losses that did not affect their combat capability.</li> </ul>

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<b>25.05</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In the suburbs of Bakhmut, the enemy replaced "Wagner" units with regular army units. This was announced by the Deputy Minister of Defense of Ukraine, Hanna Malyar. "At the moment, the Wagnerites remain in the city of Bakhmut itself. Our troops control the outskirts of the city in the southwestern part in the "Litak" district," she wrote.</li> <li>➤ According to the representative of the National Guard, Colonel Mykola Urshalovich, the National Guardsmen in the direction of Bakhmut continue to conduct aerial and radio-electronic reconnaissance, destroy the EW stations of the occupiers. In this way, the National Guardsmen assist other units of the Defense Forces, which continue to advance on the northern and southern flanks of Bakhmut.</li> <li>➤ The press service of the "Wagner" PMC stated that by June 1, the main part of the Wagnerites will be relocated from Bakhmut to the rear camps.</li> <li>➤ Thanks to the most modern air defense systems, such as Patriot and other systems transferred by European partners, Ukrainian forces are successful in repelling missile attacks, - the head of the Pentagon, Lloyd Austin.</li> <li>➤ NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said that at the moment the war has become quite static, the Russians have created several kilometers of defensive lines. "You should understand, this war is not over yet. Ukraine needs to break through the defensive lines that the Russian Armed Forces have been building for months," he said.</li> <li>➤ National Guard fighters shot down two Russian Su-25s in the direction of Zaporizhzhia with MANPADS. One of the boards was shot down by a National Guardsman on the pseudo "Zaporizhzhia avenger". The NSU press service reported that he had already destroyed a total of seven enemy aircraft.</li> </ul>
<b>26.05</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ As of today, the Ukrainian military needs about 48 units of F-16 fighters, according to the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine.</li> <li>➤ Cyber specialists of the Security Service disabled two Grenader and one Murom complexes with the help of kamikaze drones, the press service of the SBU (Ukrainian Security Service) reports. "The occupiers used them to monitor the territory, the movement of our troops around the clock, and adjust the enemy's artillery. But now they won't."</li> <li>➤ During the day, the Air Force of the Defense Forces carried out 11 strikes on areas where enemy personnel and military equipment were concentrated.</li> </ul>
<b>27.05</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In the Bakhmut direction, a decrease in the pace of Russian offensive operations is observed. It is likely that the Defense Forces will begin a new phase of operations and complicate the planned handover of Wagner positions to Russian units in Bakhmut, - ISW. It may be difficult for Russian forces to replace the Wagner in Bakhmut, in particular, due to successful limited and localized Ukrainian counterattacks.</li> <li>➤ During the day, the aviation of the defense forces made 4 strikes on the areas of concentration of personnel and military equipment of the enemy, as well as 3 - on anti-aircraft missile complexes.</li> </ul>

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✓ Over the week, the Russians carried out **87 missile and 352 air strikes** and fired over **359 MLRS attacks**.

## Attack on the night of 25 May

All 36 UAVs were shot down.

- Air defense systems were operating in Kyiv, Mykolaiv, Odesa, and Chernivtsi oblasts.
- In Dnipropetrovsk oblast, a private house was damaged, but no one was injured.
- In the village of Ploske in the Kharkiv oblast, a private house and a school building were damaged, and two outbuildings and agricultural machinery were destroyed.

## Attack on the night of 26 May

Russians attacked critical infrastructure and facilities of the Ukrainian Defense Forces in the east of the country. A total of 17 missiles and 31 attack drones were launched: 10 cruise missiles, 23 kamikaze drones, and 2 reconnaissance UAVs were shot down

- In the Obolon district of Kyiv, shrapnel damaged the roof of a shopping mall and a car parked in another part of the district. In the Shevchenkivskiy district, debris fell on a private house. The roof and window were damaged. In Kyiv oblast, debris from downed targets damaged 7 private houses in two communities.
- In Dnipro, 2 private businesses, 2 houses and cars were damaged, and a petrol station was destroyed. An employee was injured. A transport company also suffered serious damage. In addition, the enemy targeted the Marhanets community with drones. There were no casualties.
- Russian occupiers also attacked the town of Merefia in Kharkiv district and the town of Izium with drones. A civilian enterprise was damaged in Merefia. In Izium, an educational institution and a garage with agricultural machinery were damaged. There were no casualties..
- In the morning, air defense forces shot down a kamikaze drone over Cherkasy oblast. No casualties or destruction.

## Attack on the night of 28 May

The Russians launched 54 Shahed-136/131 drones in central Ukraine, mainly in the Kyiv region. The drones were aimed at military and critical infrastructure facilities. Most of the drones, 52 out of 54, were shot down. This is the largest drone attack on record.

- In the Holosiivskiy district of Kyiv, the fragments of a downed drone hit a 7-story non-residential building. One person died and one was hospitalized. There was also a fire on the roof of a shopping mall; a fire on the territory of a construction site; a fire on the territory of an enterprise - warehouses of finished products caught fire, with damage to an area of 1,000 square meters, and one victim. The roof of a house caught fire in the Pechersk district. In the Darnytsia district, windows were smashed and doors were damaged in a shop.
- In Kyiv oblast, air defense destroyed all Russian targets. As a result of falling debris in one of the communities, a private house was slightly damaged, with windows smashed. In another community, windows in a catering establishment were smashed.
- In Zhytomyr, there was damage after a night attack. There were no casualties.
- Air defense was also active in Cherkasy, Rivne, Mykolaiv, and Chernihiv regions

## Kharkiv and Kharkiv oblast

On 21 May, the enemy launched a missile attack on the village of Tsyrukun, Kharkiv oblast. One of the missiles, a preliminary S-300 system, hit the ground, and another damaged a private house. A civilian man was injured. On 27 May, a 61-year-old woman died as a result of shelling in the village of Shypuvate. A man 60 years old received a shrapnel wound,

## Dnipro and Dnipropetrovsk oblast

On the night of 22 May, Russians massively shelled Dnipro and the oblast. In the city, the occupiers hit a private enterprise. Three buildings were damaged. In Dniprovskiy district, several buildings of the rescue unit were damaged - 1 person was wounded. More than 10 trucks and cars were destroyed, and 25 cars and 2 buses were also damaged. There are 7 wounded in the Ilarionivska community of the Synelnykivskiy district. Administrative buildings, 6 cars, 12 private and multi-story buildings, a kindergarten, and 2 shops were damaged. A total of 15 drones and 4 cruise missiles were shot down over the oblast. On 26 May, in the afternoon, a Russian missile attack in Dnipro damaged a medical facility providing psychiatric care, a veterinary clinic, and residential high-rise buildings around the city. More than a thousand windows were smashed in the city. Thirty-two people were injured, two died, and three are missing. Animals kept in the veterinary clinic were also injured.

## Kherson and Kherson oblast

Russians shelled Kherson and the oblast more than 100 times. Three people were killed and three were injured. Social infrastructure facilities in the Beryslav district were hit.

## Mykolaiv and Mykolaiv oblast

Russian occupiers continue shelling of the waters of the Ochakiv community and Ochakiv itself in Mykolaiv oblast with artillery, one person was injured. Private houses, a car, infrastructure and communication lines were damaged.

## Zaporizhzhia and Zaporizhzhia oblast

Russians also continue shelling civilian infrastructure in Zaporizhzhia oblast. Private houses and cars have been destroyed. There were no casualties. On 27 May, two people were injured as a result of the Russians' Grad shelling of Stepnohirsk.

## Donetsk oblast

The enemy continues to shell remote settlements in the oblast and shoot along the entire frontline. On 25 May, Russians hit the dam of the Karlivka reservoir, putting 6 settlements with a population of 981 people under threat of flooding. Twenty-six people, including eight children, were evacuated.

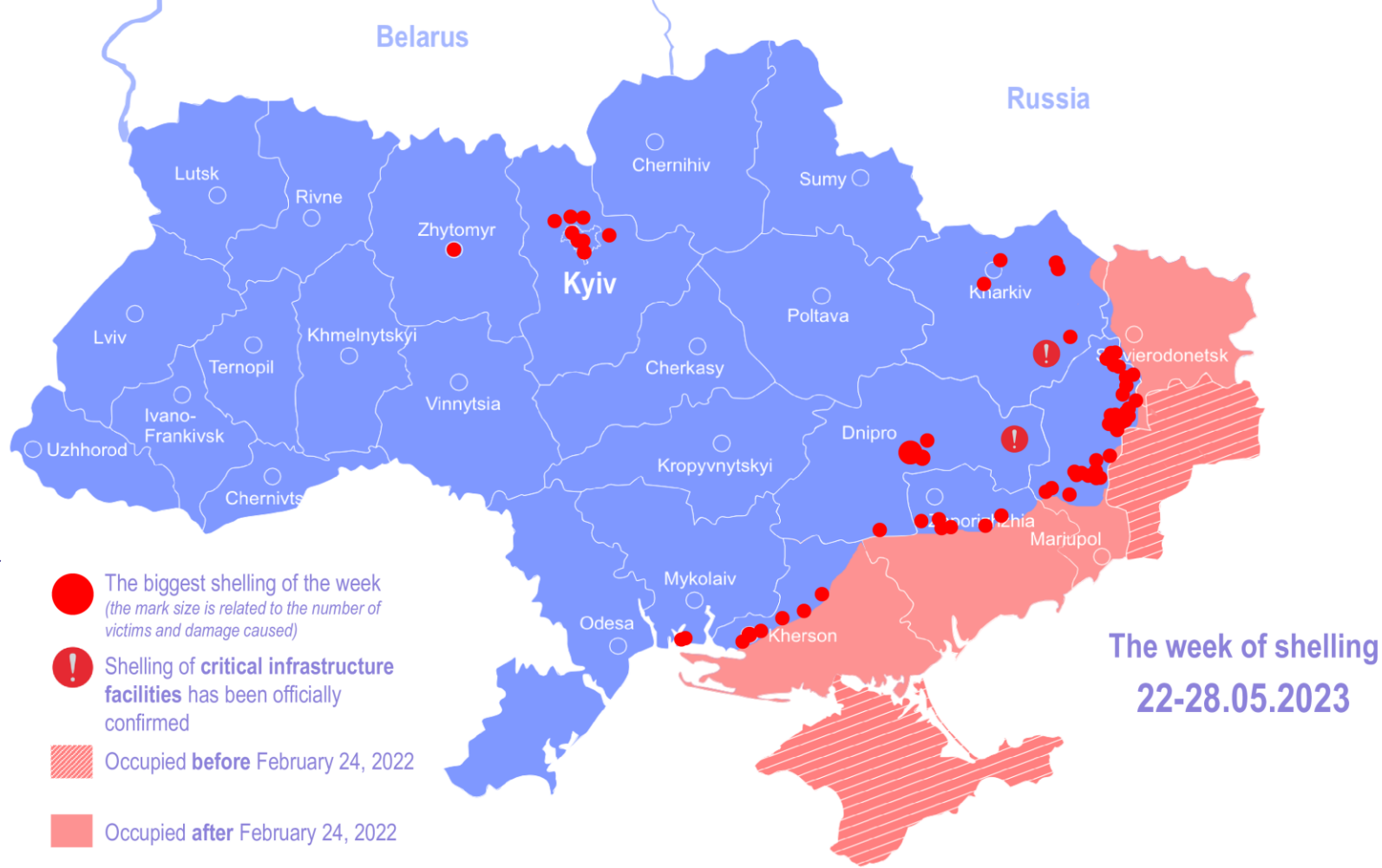
In the Volnovakha sector, Vuhledar, Shakhtarske, and Velykonovosilkivka communities came under fire. Private houses were damaged.

In the Donetsk sector, Avdiivka, Heorhiivka, Maryinka, and Kurakhove communities, Maryinka, Maksymilianivka, Kurakhove, and Krasnohorivka are affected. Residential buildings, the territory of Avdiivka Coke Plant, and several enterprises were damaged.

In the Horlivka sector, Chasiv Yar, Toretsk, New York, Nykyforivka, Soledar, Chasiv Yar, Illinivsk, Toretsk, and Kostyantynivka communities, Chervone, Mykolaivka, Kostyantynivka, Novodmytrivka, Pleshchivivka came under fire. Residential and apartment buildings, industrial buildings, administrative buildings, schools, the territory of a mine, the Point of Invincibility, a shop, a cultural center, a nursery, a church building, an infrastructure facility, an outpatient clinic, a cinema, and a gym were damaged. On 26 May, Russian aviation dropped a FAB-250 bomb on the village of New York. One person was wounded.

In the Lysychansk sector, the Lyman community, Torske, Yampil, Verkhnekamianske, Zvanivka, Siversk, Zarichne, and Dronivka are affected. Private houses and a school were damaged. There are wounded and dead in all areas.

# This week shelling and strikes



## Donetsk oblast



## Dnipro y Dnipropetrovsk oblast



## Kyiv





# Humanitarian crisis

22.05

- The Ukrainian Veterans Fund of the Ministry of Veterans Affairs conducted a study on the **needs of veterans**. According to it, 45.4% of respondents said that the Ukrainian state “mostly **fails to fulfill**” its **obligations to veterans**. On the other hand, 22.1% of respondents believe the opposite, that it “mostly fulfills” its obligations to veterans. Additionally, 8.3% of respondents believe that Ukraine does not fulfill its obligations to veterans at all. The surveyed veterans stated their current and future needs as follows: help in improving their **health** (53.8%), support in purchasing **housing** (34.7%), **financial** support (31.1%), improvement of **housing conditions** (24.9%), support in obtaining an **education** (24.4%), assistance with **employment** (20.4%), psychological support (20%), etc. Furthermore, 63.6% of veterans expressed their desire to **start their own businesses** after military service.
- In the past month, search units of the Commissioner for Missing Persons managed to find **50 bodies of missing Ukrainians**. These bodies were discovered in Donetsk, Luhansk, and Kharkiv Oblasts by the search units.
- **Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (NPP)** experienced its **7th blackout** due to Russian shelling, resulting in a loss of electrical power for consumers in Zaporizhzhia. However, Ukrainian specialists were able to restore the power line within a day.
- The Budget Committee of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine approved the **allocation of UAH 4.4 billion** (USD 119 million) from the Fund for Elimination of the Consequences of Armed Aggression. This financial assistance will be provided to Ukrainians through the “eRestoration” program, aimed at **repairing damaged housing**.

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- According to Dmytro Lubinets, the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights, the Unified Register of Missing Persons indicates that approximately **24,000 civilian hostages** from Ukraine are in Russia.
- The Mission of the President of Ukraine in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea reported that **occupants have taken exhibits** from the museum reserve of the temporarily occupied Crimea, known as “Tauric Chersonese”. The Russians **transported Byzantine gold and other exhibits to Veliky Novgorod**, allegedly for an exhibition, including ancient items made of bone, clay, and other materials.
- Natalia Humeniuk, Head of the United Coordinating Press Center of the Security and Defense Forces of Southern Ukraine, stated that there are over **400 mines in the sea waters** surrounding Ukraine.
- The Belarusian opposition in exile alleges that Alexander Lukashenko's regime is implicated in Russia's war crime of deporting Ukrainian children. According to a report cited by Sky News, **2,150 Ukrainian children were deported from Ukraine to Belarus**, purportedly to attend recreation camps and sanatoriums. Among them are orphans between the ages of 6 and 15. Prosecutor General Andrii Kostin informed Reuters that criminal proceedings have already been initiated.

24.05

- The head of the Skadovsk territorial community, Oleksandr Yakovliev, states that the **Russian military** has **designated Dzharylhach Island** in Kherson Oblast **as its military zone**. According to him, the occupiers have restricted local residents' access to the protected area, and people frequently hear gunshots and explosions on the island. Yakovliev emphasized that the actions of the Russian military could lead to the **extinction of rare animal and plant species** on the island.

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- In Crimea, the occupying forces have **“nationalized” over 50 properties**. They include the building in Simferopol that housed the office of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar people, as well as the Zelenskiy's apartment in Yalta. The list also includes the Kiparis Children's Camp in Alushta, various companies, enterprises, and buildings. Sergei Aksionov, the head of the occupation administration, stated that the funds obtained from these “nationalizations” would be used to finance the Russian army.
- The United Nations has published a report revealing that approximately **one-third of the civilians** (1346 out of 4187 documented victims) **killed** during the first year of the full-scale war **were over 60 years old**. Some of them were prohibited from accessing medicine or leaving their basements, leading to their deaths, as reported by Reuters. The UN further noted that this number only accounts for individuals whose age is known, and the actual number of victims is much higher.
- Russian troops persist in their **militarization of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (NPP)**. According to Ukrainian intelligence reports, power blocks 1, 2, and 4 are being utilized as logistics and military bases. Equipment is being concealed at these locations, with the number of units potentially reaching up to 20 in a single area. On-duty personnel responsible for inspecting the power blocks are being prevented from carrying out their duties. Those who attempted to conduct their rounds were subjected to physical assault and torture, resulting in several victims being hospitalized in serious conditions.

25.05

- Ukraine has successfully **repatriated 106 individuals who were held captive**. Among the released are 98 servicemen from the Armed Forces of Ukraine, which includes 21 representatives from the Territorial Defense, 7 border guards, and 1 representative from the State Transport Special Service. Additionally, the occupiers returned the bodies of two foreigners and a Ukrainian woman.
- During the full-scale invasion, the Ukrainian foundation “Come Back Alive” **raised over UAH 7 billion in donations**. These funds were utilized to acquire military equipment, including the Bayraktar TB2 complex, 11 PD-2 reconnaissance complexes, 25 Leleka-100 unmanned aerial vehicles, 25 Shark complexes, 6,725 drones, 11 armored vehicles, more than 800 pickup trucks, 1,460 machine guns, 186 120 mm mortars, among others.
- In the evening, the Russian occupiers **targeted one of the dams of the Karlivka Reservoir** on the Vovcha River in Donetsk Oblast. This action posed a threat of flooding to six settlements, resulting in the **evacuation** of some individuals, including children. “We were prepared for such a scenario, and therefore the operational and rescue services of Donetsk Oblast have already initiated their response according to a clearly defined plan,” stated Pavlo Kyrylenko, the head of the Donetsk Oblast Military Administration.
- According to the mayor of **Irpin**, Oleksandr Markushyn, as of May 2023, **85% of residents have returned to Irpin**, and the city has also received 25,000 internally displaced persons.

